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As originally built, the central structure of Carter's Grove was a massive two-story rectangular building crowned by a forty-five degree hipped roof with splayed eaves. Two nearly square interior chimneys with molded caps pierced the side slopes of the roof. Flanking the house on the east and west were nearly similar one-and-a-half-story free-standing dependencies with gable roofs. Although the dependencies were built some years before the main house, their actual date of construction is uncertain. Both dependencies are laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers.

The main house, even as it now stands, exhibits all the classic features of a Virginia Georgian mansion, including molded brick water table, rubbed brick quoins, gauged brick splayed arches, rubbed brick belt course, brick pedimented doorways, and modillion cornice. The finely laid Flemish bond walls exhibit evenly matched bricks with no glazed headers.

Although a long one-story porch was added across the south front, and the kitchen connected to the main house by a one-story passage-way, the house suffered little serious alteration until the remodelling of 1927-28. During the remodelling the ridge of the roof of the main house was raised eleven feet to allow rooms to be inserted in the attic. These new rooms were lit by a series of dormers placed around the raised roof. The two chimneys were correspondingly raised in proportion to the roof. Other changes to the main house included the removal of the original semi-circular stone steps on the north and south fronts and their replacement by rectangular steps. The dependencies were connected to the main house by one-and-a-half-story brick hyphens. The roofs of both dependencies were raised, and the ground floor area was increased by projecting the south walls of both buildings to align with the south front of the main house. The gabled dormers of both dependencies were sacrificed in favor of hipped roof dormers.

The famous woodwork in the interior of the main house was little changed except that all of the first floor paneling was stripped and given a natural finish. Also, the service lobbies in the two north rooms were removed, causing the rooms' present assymetry. The second floor stairhall was altered to allow the stairs to be extended to the rebuilt attic story. The decorative details of the stairway extension were copied exactly from the original stairway.

Carter's Grove stands impressively at the top of a series of broad terraces looking across the low fields towards the James River. Of the original landscaping the row of large tulip trees across the south front, and the avenue lined with cedars approaching the north front remain.

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12.	STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION		4	NATIONAL REGIST	ER VERIFICATION				
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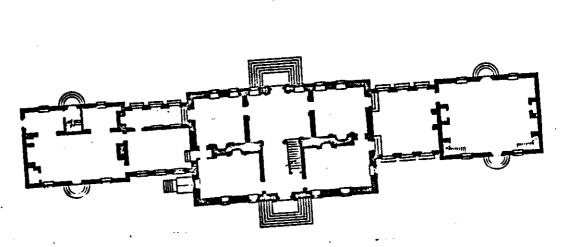
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